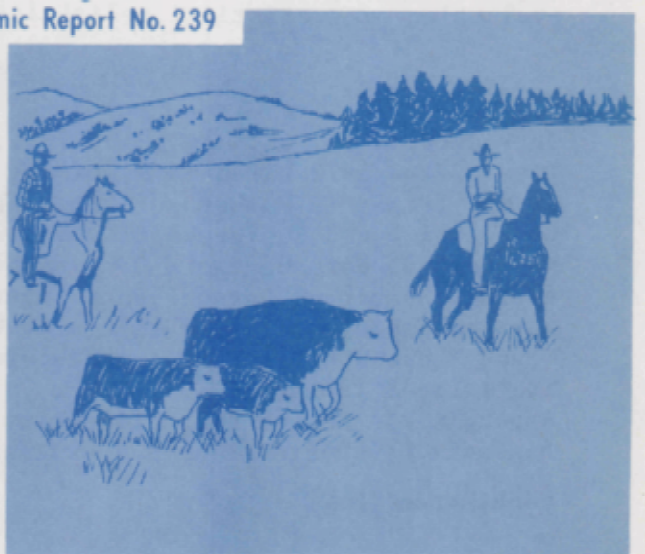
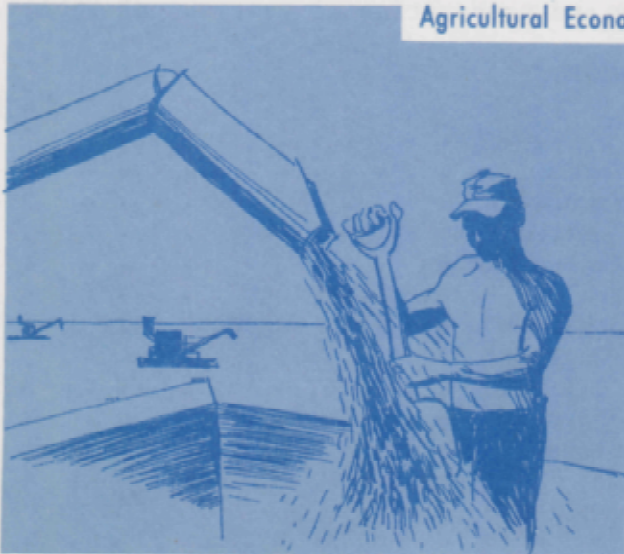




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## ABSTRACT

The Hired Farm Working Force of 1972 (HFWF) consisted of about 2.8 million persons 14 years of age and over who did some farmwork for cash wages during the year. This was a 7 percent increase from the 2.6 million in 1971 and continued the increase which began in 1971 after a continuous decline in the number since 1967.

Members of the 1972 HFWF were mostly young (median age 23), white (85 percent), male (77 percent), persons living in nonfarm places (72 percent). They earned an average of \$1,160 in cash wages, or \$13.20 a day for 88 days of farm wagework.

Only 24 percent were engaged chiefly in farm wagework. Of these, 367,000 were year-round workers, who were the most fully employed and highest paid, averaging 306 days of farm wagework and earning \$4,358.

About 52 percent (primarily housewives and students) were not in the labor force most of the year.

About 184,000, or 7 percent of the total, were domestic migratory workers. This was an increase of 7 percent from 172,000 in 1971 and reversed the declining trend in the number of migrants which began in 1965. The remainder of the hired farmworkers, the nonmigratory, increased by 9 percent over 1971.

Keywords: hired farmworkers, farm labor, casual workers, noncasual workers, migratory workers, seasonal workers, regular workers, year-round workers, nonfarm work, wages, employment, earnings.

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# THE HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE OF 1972

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## INTRODUCTION

This report presents information on the size and composition of the 1972 hired farm working force (HFWF) and on the employment and cash earnings from farm and nonfarm wagework obtained during the year. Brief highlights point up some of the most pertinent facts from the detailed data in the statistical tables. The data were obtained from the annual survey conducted for the Economic Research Service by the Bureau of the Census as a supplementary part of the regular Current Population Survey made in December 1972.

Estimates in this report are based on sample data; thus, they are subject to sampling variability. They may differ somewhat from the results that would have been obtained from another sample, or from a complete census using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewers. The survey coverage and reliability of the estimates are discussed in appendix A. Definitions or explanations of terms used in this report are given in appendix B.

## SIZE OF THE 1972 HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE (table 1)

About 2.8 million different persons did some work on farms for cash wages or salary in 1972. (Excluded are persons not in the civilian noninstitutional population 14 years old and over at the time of the survey.) This represents an increase of about 7.0 percent from the estimated 2.6 million hired farmworkers in 1971 and continues the increase in farm wageworkers which began with a slight upturn in 1971 following 3 years of continuous decline.

The increase stems from several factors including a year of overall high production levels, with especially significant increases in oil, sugar, and cotton crops, and the number of cattle on feed; and significant increases in farm exports and in farm prices. These developments tended to create the need for more labor as well as an optimistic outlook among many farmers for the coming year causing them not only to employ the extra labor needed in 1972, but also to try to stabilize their work force in preparation for 1973.

These latter factors are indicated not only by the fact that the increase in numbers of hired farmworkers was greatest among those most committed to farmwork but also by the fact that it was this group whose wages increased most. The majority of these new farmworkers were in the prime age group of 25 to 34 years.

Casual workers (those who did less than 25 days of farm wagework) numbered about 1.1 million, about 61,000 less than in 1971. Noncasual workers (those who did 25 days or more of farm wagework) numbered around 1.7 million, about 320,000 more.

#### RECENT TRENDS IN NUMBERS OF HIRED FARMWORKERS (tables 2-3)

Because of the sampling variability, averages based on data for several years probably reflect better than yearly estimates the recent trends in the total number of hired farmworkers and in important segments within the group.<sup>1/</sup> Thus, using averages for the 3-year periods 1967-69 and 1970-72, it can be seen that:

- The total number of different persons doing hired farmwork in the course of a year declined about 8.4 percent.
- The number of workers doing between 75 and 249 days of hired farmwork declined about 5.1 percent.
- Workers doing less than 75 days of work declined about 10.7 percent, and workers who did 250 or more days of work declined by about 6.5 percent.
- Total man-days of farm wagework declined about 7.8 percent.

#### COMPOSITION AND RESIDENCE OF THE 1972 HIRED FARM WORKING FORCE (table 4)

The 1972 HFWF was similar in composition to that of the previous year. Among these workers in 1972:

- 77 percent were male.
- 85 percent were white.
- Only 24 percent, 5 percent more than in 1971, were engaged chiefly in farm wagework.
- 52 percent, 6 percent less than in 1971 (primarily housewives and students), were not in the labor force most of the year.
- The median age was 23 years, compared to 22 years in 1971.

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<sup>1/</sup> See appendix A for a discussion of the sample and reliability of estimates.

- 29 percent, 5 percent less than in 1971, were young people 14-17 years of age; almost four-fifths (79 percent, the same as in 1971) of these were boys.
- About 7 percent did some farm wagework outside their home counties. These, considered domestic migratory workers, numbered 12,000 more than in 1971 but were about the same proportion of the total hired farm working force.
- 72 percent lived in nonfarm places at the time of the survey, although some of them lived on farms at some time during the year. Figure 1 shows the contrast between the current situation and that in the late forties with respect to residence.
- 41 percent lived in the South and 8 percent in the Northeastern States, 26 percent were in the North Central States, and 25 percent were in the West. Compared with 1971, these proportions represented a 3-percent decrease in the South, a 3-percent increase in the West, a 1-percent decrease in the Northeast, and a 1-percent increase in the North Central.

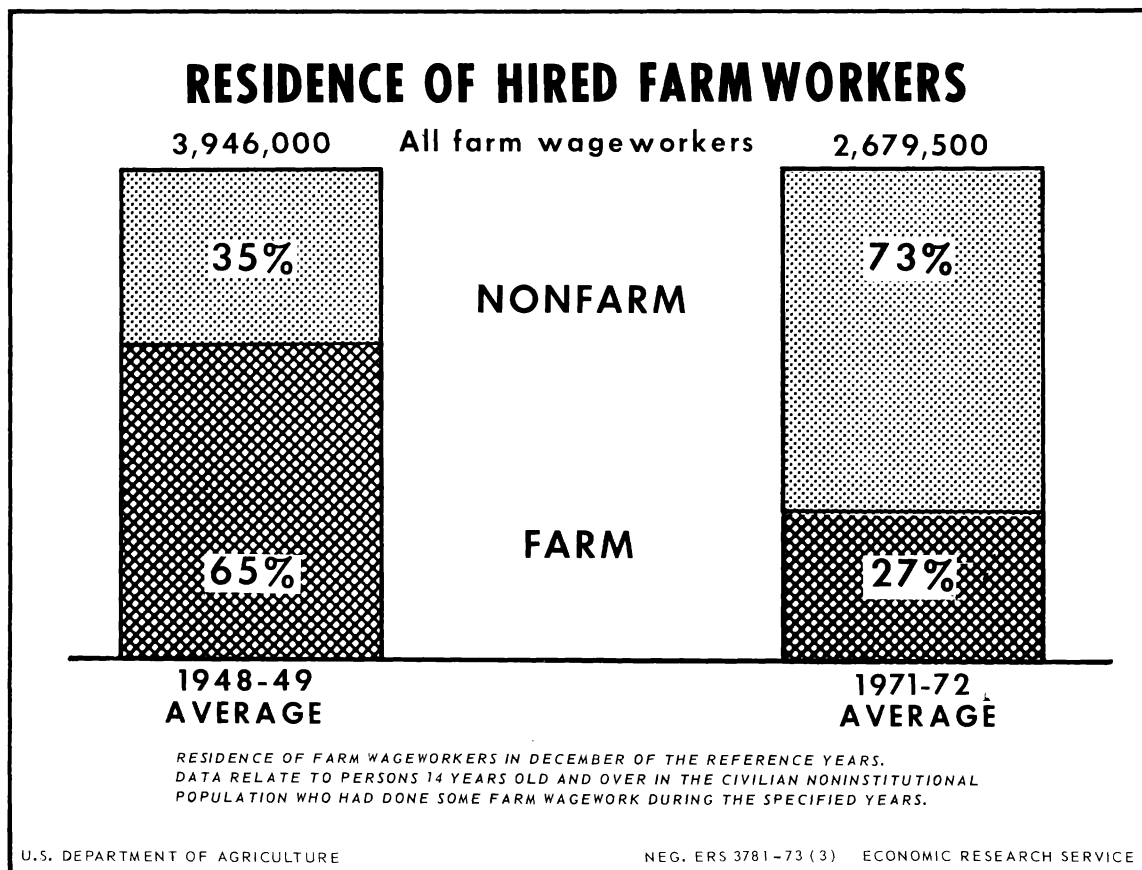


Figure 1

MAN-DAYS OF FARM WAGework DONE BY SELECTED GROUPS  
(table 5)

Workers included in the survey did about 247 million man-days of work on farms in 1972 -- about one-fourth of the total number of days of labor on farms.

- The percentage of total man-days of work done by white workers and by Negro and other workers was about equal to the proportion each group represented of the HFWF. Similarly, the percentage done by migratory workers about equaled the proportion they represented of the work force.
- The regular and year-round workers, who comprised almost one-fourth (23.3 percent) of the 1972 HFWF, did slightly over two-thirds (68 percent) of the total man-days of farm wagework (fig. 2). This was the same proportion that they accounted for in 1971.

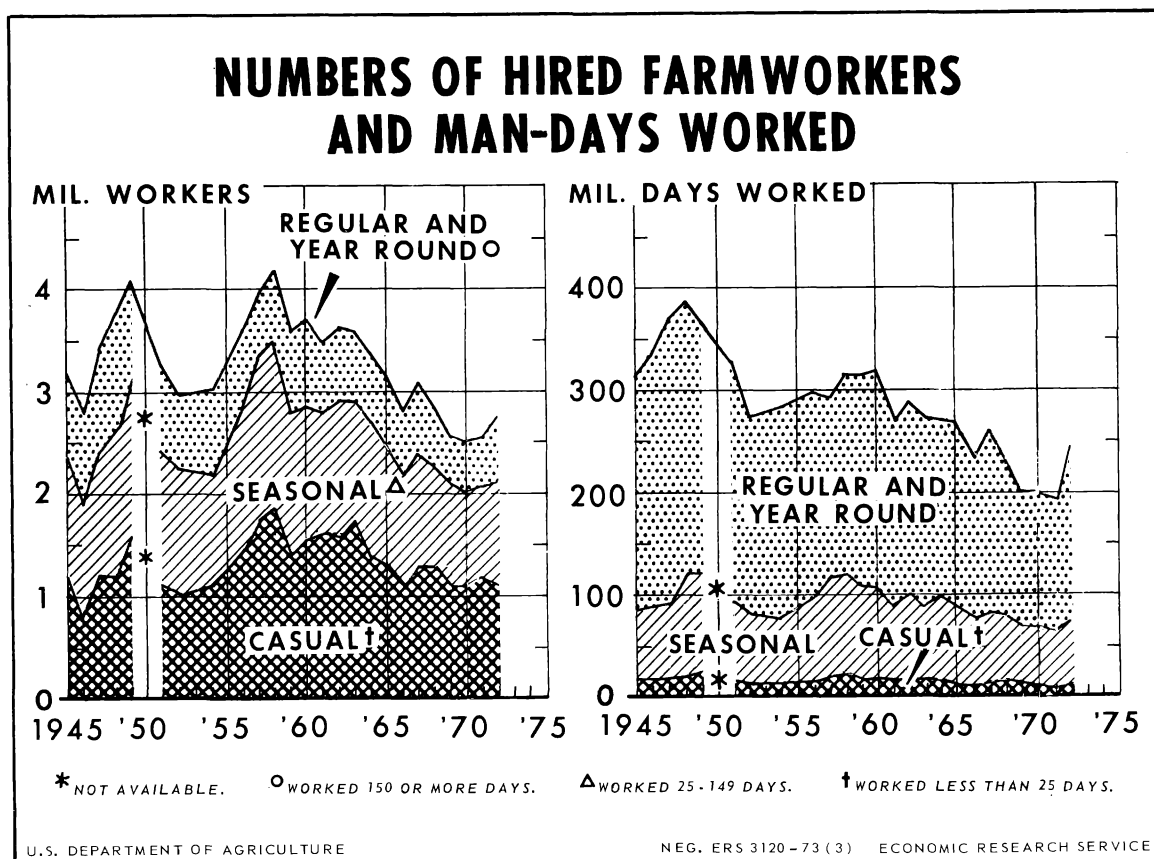


Figure 2

- Averages for the 3-year periods 1967-69 and 1970-72 indicate that the number of full-time workers declined about 6.5 percent, and the total number of man-days of hired farmwork they did, declined about 6.5 percent. During these same periods, workers doing 75-249 days of work declined about 5.1 percent, and their man-days of work declined about 4.2 percent (tables 2 and 3).
- Workers who did less than 75 days of farm wagework comprised around 68.5 percent of the total HFWF in both 3-year periods but did only about one-fifth of the man-days of work.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK AND RELATED EARNINGS  
(tables 6-10)

As a group, hired farmworkers earned about \$13.20 a day in cash wages from their farm wagework in 1972. For an average of 88 days of such work, they earned \$1,160. (Throughout this report, daily and yearly earnings refer only to the cash wages received by workers and do not include the value of perquisites or fringe benefits furnished by the employer.)

Yearly and daily earnings in 1972 from farm wagework increased from 1971 in all regions, with the largest increase occurring in the West (up \$362 to \$1,666 and \$2.50 to \$16.85, respectively). Days worked also increased in all regions except the Northeast, which was down to 69 in 1972 from 75 in 1971. Increased daily wages in the Northeast offset this decline (from \$10.35 to \$12.20). The South had the smallest increase in daily wages from 1971 (\$10.85 to \$11.80) and the largest increase in average number of days worked (77 to 93), which resulted in the second largest increase in annual earnings in 1972 (up \$259 to \$1,096).

Care should be exercised in interpreting year-to-year changes in these averages, however, because of sampling variability. Appendix A contains estimates of the standard errors of various types of averages.

Great variation among major groups in the average number of days of employment and related daily and yearly earnings from farm wagework continues to be a major feature of the HFWF. In 1972, 1.1 million casuals averaged 9 days of work and earned an average of \$10.45 a day from farmwork.

- Male casual workers averaged \$10.20 a day and females \$9.00.
- Nonmigratory casuals averaged \$10.35 a day; migratory casuals \$10.00 a day.

In 1972, 1.7 million noncasual workers averaged 141 days and earned \$1,877. Many of the noncasual workers are not in the labor force or they do work other than farm wagework most of the year. Figure 3 shows that there has

been a slight change since 1960 in the proportions of those groups of non-casuals whose chief activity is farm wagework, unemployed, and not in the labor force a major part of the year. Among the noncasuals:

- 1.0 million seasonals averaged 66 days of work and earned \$765 from farm wagework.
- 0.3 million regulars averaged 198 days and earned \$2,673.
- 0.4 million year-round workers averaged 306 days and earned \$4,358.
- Whites averaged 143 days at \$13.60 a day, earning \$1,947 in cash wages.
- Negroes and members of other races averaged 131 days at \$11.60 a day, earning \$1,517.
- Domestic migratory workers averaged 124 days at \$14.65 a day, earning \$1,814.
- Workers in the West received the highest daily wage, \$17.05; those in the North Central States received the lowest, \$11.50.

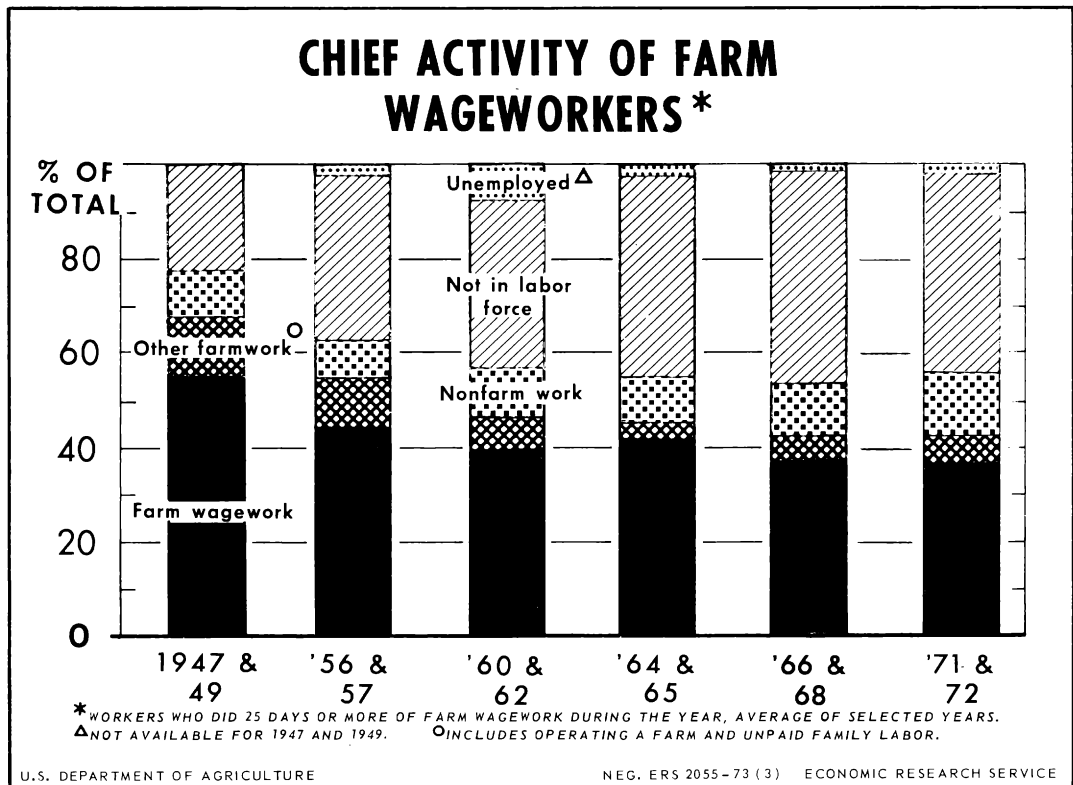


Figure 3



AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OF WORKERS WHO DID FARM  
WAGework ONLY AND THOSE WHO DID FARM AND NONFARM WAGework  
(tables 11 and 12)

In 1972, nearly 1.6 million persons, 32,000 more than 1971, did farm wagework only (FWO workers), and 1,160,000, about 227,000 more than 1971, were employed at both farm and nonfarm wagework (FNF workers).

- FWO workers were employed an average of 112 days at farm wagework and earned \$1,500.
- FNF workers did an average of 117 days of nonfarm wagework and 54 days of farm wagework, from which, on the average, they earned a total of \$2,755.
- FWO workers earned about \$13.40 a day from farm wagework; FNF workers averaged about \$12.50 a day.
- FNF workers earned about \$17.75 a day from nonfarm wagework.

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Table 1.--Number of persons who did any farm wagework during the year, by sex, 1945-72 <sup>1/</sup>

Year	All farm wageworkers			Workers who did 25 days or more of farm wage- work during the year (noncasual workers)			Workers who did less than 25 days of farm wage- work during the year (casual workers)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
1945	3,212	2,375	837	1,965	1,576	389	1,247	799	448
1946	2,770	2,120	650	1,953	1,584	369	817	536	281
1947	3,394	2,587	807	2,215	1,864	351	1,179	723	456
1948	3,752	2,820	932	2,502	2,036	466	1,250	784	466
1949	4,140	3,021	1,119	2,510	2,001	509	1,630	1,020	610
1950	4,342	3,221	1,121	---	---	---	---	---	---
1951	3,274	2,392	882	2,156	1,718	438	1,118	674	444
1952	2,980	2,218	762	1,972	1,558	414	1,008	660	348
1954	3,009	2,237	772	1,908	1,544	364	1,101	693	408
1956	3,575	2,525	1,050	2,078	1,553	525	1,497	972	525
1957	3,962	2,765	1,197	2,200	1,673	527	1,762	1,092	670
1958	4,212	2,987	1,225	2,319	1,788	531	1,893	1,199	694
1959	3,577	2,570	1,007	2,166	1,690	476	1,412	880	531
1960	3,693	2,664	1,029	2,162	1,698	463	1,531	966	566
1961	3,488	2,445	1,043	1,889	1,468	421	1,600	978	622
1962	3,622	2,551	1,071	2,067	1,576	492	1,555	976	579
1963	3,597	2,615	983	1,862	1,480	382	1,735	1,135	601
1964	3,370	2,398	972	2,001	1,487	514	1,369	911	458
1965	3,128	2,205	923	1,864	1,407	457	1,264	797	466
1966	2,763	2,051	712	1,634	1,295	339	1,130	756	374
1967	3,078	2,261	817	1,740	1,358	381	1,338	903	435
1968	2,919	2,111	808	1,620	1,256	364	1,299	855	444
1969	2,571	1,907	665	1,466	1,158	307	1,106	748	357
1970	2,488	1,889	599	1,394	1,142	252	1,093	747	346
1971	2,550	1,944	606	1,359	1,121	238	1,191	823	368
1972	2,809	2,169	641	1,679	1,387	292	1,130	782	349

Numbers of workers for 1959 and succeeding years are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

<sup>1/</sup> No survey conducted in 1953 and 1955.

Table 2.--Distribution of persons who did any farm wagework during the year, by duration of farm wagework, averages 1967-69 and 1970-72

Year	Total workers	Duration of farm wagework			
		Less than 75 days	75 - 149 days	150 - 249 days	250 days and over
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Average:					
1967-69	2,856	1,977	298	241	341
1970-72	2,616	1,765	289	224	319
Percentage change	-8.4	-10.7	-3.0	-7.1	-6.5
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Average:					
1967-69	100	69	11	8	12
1970-72	100	68	11	9	12

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 3.--Distribution of man-days of farm wagework, for workers, by duration of farm wagework, averages 1967-69 and 1970-72

Year	Total man-days of farm wagework	Duration of farm wagework			
		Less than 75 days	75 - 149 days	150 - 249 days	250 days and over
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
Average:					
1967-69	232	45	31	48	107
1970-72	214	39	31	44	100
Percentage change	-7.8	-13.3	0.0	-8.3	-6.5
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Average:					
1967-69	100	20	13	21	46
1970-72	100	18	14	21	47

Numbers of days are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.

Table 4.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1972

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1972	2,809	2,169	641	100	100	100
COLOR						
White	2,380	1,900	480	85	88	75
Negro and other races	429	269	160	15	12	25
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farmwork	832	767	65	30	35	10
Farm wagework	672	617	55	24	28	8
Without nonfarm work	531	482	49	19	22	7
With nonfarm work	140	134	6	5	6	1
Other farmwork <sup>1/</sup>	160	150	11	6	7	2
Nonfarm work	489	408	81	17	19	13
Unemployed	33	32	1	1	1	<sup>2/</sup>
Not in labor force	1,455	961	494	52	45	<sup>77</sup>
Keeping house	284	12	272	10	1	43
Attending school	1,027	813	214	37	38	33
Other	143	136	7	5	6	1
RESIDENCE AND AGE						
All workers	2,809	2,169	641	100	100	100
14-17 years	825	655	170	30	30	26
18-24	681	537	145	24	25	23
25-34	430	324	106	15	15	17
35-44	292	191	102	10	9	16
45-54	259	199	60	9	9	9
55-64	192	150	42	7	7	7
65 and over	130	114	16	5	5	2
Farm Residence	773	618	155	100	100	100
14-17 years	181	145	36	23	24	23
18-24	198	159	38	25	25	25
25-34	107	85	22	14	14	14
35-44	98	68	29	13	11	19
45-54	74	58	16	10	9	10
55-64	71	61	10	9	10	6
65 and over	45	41	4	6	7	3
Nonfarm Residence	2,036	1,551	485	100	100	100
14-17 years	644	509	134	31	33	28
18-24	484	377	106	24	24	22
25-34	323	239	84	16	15	17
35-44	195	122	72	10	8	15
45-54	185	141	44	9	9	9
55-64	122	89	32	6	6	7
65 and over	85	73	12	4	5	2
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
Migratory	184	133	51	100	100	100
14-17 years	43	32	11	23	24	22
18-24	68	50	18	38	38	36
25-34	28	22	6	15	16	13
35-44	19	14	6	10	10	11
45-54	10	8	1	5	6	3
55-64	12	7	5	7	5	10
65 and over	4	1	3	2	1	5
Nonmigratory	2,625	2,036	590	100	100	100
14-17 years	782	623	159	31	30	28
18-24	613	487	126	23	24	21
25-34	401	302	100	15	15	17
35-44	273	177	96	10	9	16
45-54	249	191	58	9	9	10
55-64	180	143	37	7	7	6
65 and over	126	113	13	5	6	2

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1972--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
REGION	2,809	2,169	641	100	100	100
Northeast	230	178	52	8	8	8
North Central	730	604	126	26	28	20
South	1,139	842	297	41	39	46
West	710	545	166	25	25	26
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORK						
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
All workers	1,679	1,387	292	100	100	100
14-17 years	365	307	59	22	22	20
18-24	411	337	74	24	25	25
25-34	288	240	48	17	17	17
35-44	198	145	52	12	10	18
45-54	195	165	29	12	12	10
55-64	147	125	22	9	9	8
65 and over	75	69	6	4	5	2
Migratory	138	104	34	100	100	3/
14-17 years	29	21	8	21	20	----
18-24	49	36	13	35	35	----
25-34	25	22	3	18	21	----
35-44	15	11	4	11	11	----
45-54	10	8	1	7	8	----
55-64	9	6	4	7	5	----
65 and over	1	0	1	1	2/	----
Nonmigratory	1,541	1,283	258	100	100	100
14-17 years	336	286	51	22	23	20
18-24	362	300	61	23	24	23
25-34	264	218	46	17	17	18
35-44	183	134	48	12	10	19
45-54	185	157	28	12	12	11
55-64	138	119	19	9	9	7
65 and over	74	69	5	5	5	2
TOTAL FARM WAGES EARNED	1,679	1,387	292	100	100	100
Under \$100	42	32	10	3	2	3
100-199	86	66	20	5	5	7
200-399	225	149	76	13	11	26
400-599	195	138	57	12	10	20
600-999	267	218	49	16	16	17
1,000-1,999	323	270	52	19	19	18
2,000 and over	541	514	27	32	37	9
TOTAL FARM AND NONFARM WAGES EARNED	1,679	1,387	292	100	100	100
Under \$100	23	17	6	1	1	2
100-199	55	39	16	3	3	6
200-399	153	100	53	9	7	18
400-599	141	98	44	8	7	15
600-999	252	194	58	15	14	20
1,000-1,399	151	118	33	9	8	11
1,400-1,999	167	128	39	10	9	13
2,000 and over	737	693	43	45	50	15

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 4.-- Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1972--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Percentage distribution		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGE-WORK						
MIGRATORY STATUS AND AGE						
All workers	1,130	782	349	100	100	100
14-17 years	460	348	111	40	44	31
18-24	270	200	70	24	26	20
25-34	142	84	58	13	11	17
35-44	95	45	50	8	6	14
45-54	64	34	31	6	4	9
55-64	45	26	19	4	3	6
65 and over	55	45	10	5	6	3
Migratory	46	29	17	3/	3/	3/
14-17 years	14	11	3	---	---	---
18-24	19	13	6	---	---	---
25-34	4	0	4	---	---	---
35-44	4	3	1	---	---	---
45-54	0	0	0	---	---	---
55-64	3	1	2	---	---	---
65 and over	2	1	1	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	1,085	752	332	100	100	100
14-17 years	446	338	108	41	45	33
18-24	251	187	65	23	25	20
25-34	138	84	54	13	11	16
35-44	91	42	48	8	6	15
45-54	64	34	31	6	4	9
55-64	42	24	18	4	3	5
65 and over	52	44	8	5	6	2

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

2/ Less than 0.5 percent.

3/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 5.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, and man-days  
of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1972

Selected characteristics	Number of workers			Man-days of farm wagework		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
ALL WORKERS, 1972	2,809	2,169	641	247	219	29
COLOR						
White	2,380	1,900	480	210	187	23
Negro and other races	429	269	160	37	31	6
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	184	133	51	18	14	4
Nonmigratory	2,625	2,036	590	230	204	25
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	1,130	782	349	11	7	4
25-74	663	491	172	29	22	7
75-149	361	283	78	38	30	8
150-249	288	261	27	57	52	5
250 and over	367	352	15	112	108	5
ALL WORKERS, 1972	100	100	100	100	100	100
COLOR						
White	85	88	75	85	86	78
Negro and other races	15	12	25	15	14	22
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	7	6	8	7	6	12
Nonmigratory	93	94	92	93	94	88
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	40	36	55	4	3	13
25-74	24	23	27	12	10	25
75-149	13	13	12	16	14	27
150-249	10	12	4	23	24	19
250 and over	13	16	2	45	49	16

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand, and numbers of man-days are rounded to the nearest million without being adjusted to group totals.



Table 6.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics and duration of farm wagework, 1972

Selected characteristics	Number of farm wageworkers						Percentage distribution					
	Number working						Percentage working					
	Total workers	Less than 25 days	25-74 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over	Total workers	Less than 25 days	25-74 days	75-149 days	150-249 days	250 days and over
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
ALL WORKERS, 1972	2,809	1,130	663	361	288	367	100	40	24	13	10	13
COLOR												
White	2,380	975	544	307	239	315	100	41	23	13	10	13
Negro and other races	429	155	119	54	49	52	100	36	28	13	11	12
SEX AND AGE												
Both sexes												
14-17 years	825	460	251	72	24	18	100	56	30	9	3	2
18-24	681	270	173	103	72	63	100	40	25	15	11	9
25-34	430	142	74	64	54	96	100	33	17	15	13	22
35-44	292	95	54	40	42	63	100	33	18	14	14	21
45-54	259	64	49	30	54	62	100	24	19	12	21	24
55-64	192	45	35	34	26	53	100	23	18	17	13	29
65 and over	130	55	28	19	16	11	100	41	22	15	13	9
Males	2,169	782	491	283	261	352	100	36	23	13	12	16
14-17 years	655	348	208	67	20	11	100	53	32	10	3	.2
18-24	537	200	124	87	64	61	100	38	23	16	12	11
25-34	324	84	49	47	48	95	100	26	15	15	15	29
35-44	191	45	26	26	35	59	100	24	13	13	18	32
45-54	199	34	34	19	51	61	100	17	17	10	26	30
55-64	150	26	25	20	26	53	100	17	17	14	17	35
65 and over	114	45	25	16	16	11	100	40	22	14	14	10
Females	641	349	172	78	27	15	100	55	27	12	4	2
14-17	170	111	42	5	4	7	100	66	25	3	2	4
18-24	145	70	49	15	8	2	100	48	34	11	6	1
25-34	106	58	24	17	6	1	100	55	23	16	5	1
35-44	102	50	28	14	6	4	100	49	27	14	6	4
45-54	60	31	15	11	3	1	100	51	24	18	5	2
55-64	42	19	9	13	0	0	1/	---	---	---	---	---
65 and over	16	10	4	3	0	0	1/	---	---	---	---	---
RESIDENCE												
Farm	773	256	160	105	95	158	100	33	21	14	12	20
Nonfarm	2,036	875	503	256	193	209	100	43	25	13	9	10
MIGRATORY STATUS												
Migratory	184	46	55	35	28	20	100	25	30	19	15	11
Nonmigratory	2,625	1,085	608	326	260	347	100	42	23	12	10	13
REGION												
Northeast	230	101	59	33	19	18	100	44	26	14	8	8
North Central	730	341	166	89	56	78	100	46	23	12	8	11
South	1,139	453	250	137	137	162	100	40	22	12	12	14
West	710	235	188	103	76	108	100	32	27	15	11	15

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.  
 1/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for all farm  
wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1972

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm		Farm		Nonfarm					
	Number	Wages earned	Wages earned	Wages earned						
	of	Days	Per	Per	Days	Per	Per			
	workers	worked	Per year	Per day 1/	worked	Per year	Per day 1/			
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1972	2,809	136	2,019	14.85	88	1,160	13.20	48	859	17.90
COLOR AND SEX										
White	2,380	140	2,132	15.25	88	1,188	13.50	52	944	18.15
Negro and other races	429	117	1,387	11.85	87	1,001	11.50	29	386	13.30
Male	2,169	153	2,375	15.50	101	1,367	13.55	53	1,008	19.00
White	1,900	154	2,453	15.95	99	1,368	13.80	56	1,085	19.40
Negro and other races	269	146	1,816	12.45	116	1,355	11.70	30	460	15.35
Female	641	79	813	10.30	45	459	10.20	34	354	10.40
White	480	83	862	10.40	47	477	10.15	36	385	10.70
Negro and other races	160	67	667	9.95	39	405	10.40	28	263	9.40
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farmwork	832	218	3,205	14.70	205	2,971	14.50	14	234	16.70
Farm wagework	672	239	3,516	14.70	225	3,282	14.60	14	234	16.70
Without nonfarm work	531	235	3,440	14.65	235	3,440	14.65	---	---	---
With nonfarm work	140	253	3,803	15.05	187	2,681	14.35	66	1,122	17.00
Other farmwork 2/	160	133	1,903	14.30	121	1,669	13.80	13	234	18.00
Nonfarm work	489	224	4,409	19.70	40	472	11.80	183	3,937	21.50
Unemployed 3/	33	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	1,455	61	561	9.20	38	366	9.65	23	195	8.50
Keeping house	284	48	443	9.25	34	344	10.10	14	99	7.05
Attending school	1,027	64	540	8.45	38	341	9.00	26	199	7.65
Other	143	68	945	13.90	44	585	13.30	24	360	15.00
RESIDENCE, SEX, AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK										
All workers										
Less than 25 days	1,130	77	1,316	17.10	9	94	10.45	68	1,222	17.95
25-74	663	93	1,271	13.65	44	483	11.00	49	788	16.10
75-149	361	150	2,116	14.10	106	1,283	12.10	44	833	18.95
150-249	288	223	3,146	14.10	198	2,673	13.50	25	473	18.90
250 and over	367	315	4,551	14.45	306	4,358	14.25	10	193	19.30
Farm residence	773	139	1,771	12.75	114	1,334	11.70	26	437	16.80
Less than 25 days	256	47	745	15.85	10	103	10.30	37	642	17.35
25-74	160	74	945	12.75	45	445	9.90	30	500	16.65
75-149	105	133	1,598	12.00	103	1,041	10.10	30	557	18.55
150-249	95	217	2,431	11.20	197	2,148	10.90	19	283	14.90
250 and over	158	312	3,989	12.80	309	3,933	12.75	4	56	14.00
Nonfarm residence	2,036	135	2,112	15.65	78	1,093	14.00	57	1,018	17.85
Less than 25 days	875	86	1,483	17.25	9	92	10.20	77	1,391	18.05
25-74	503	99	1,375	13.90	44	495	11.25	55	880	16.00
75-149	256	158	2,329	14.75	107	1,382	12.90	50	947	18.95
150-249	193	227	3,498	15.40	199	2,932	14.75	28	567	20.25
250 and over	209	318	4,976	15.65	304	4,680	15.40	14	296	21.15
Males										
Less than 25 days	782	89	1,668	18.75	9	92	10.20	80	1,576	19.70
25-74	491	98	1,464	14.95	45	504	11.20	54	959	17.75
75-149	283	159	2,315	14.55	107	1,320	12.35	51	995	19.50
150-249	261	226	3,214	14.20	199	2,698	13.55	27	515	19.05
250 and over	352	314	4,640	14.80	306	4,452	14.55	9	188	20.90
Females										
Less than 25 days	349	50	527	10.55	11	99	9.00	39	428	10.95
25-74	172	77	721	9.35	42	422	10.05	34	300	8.80
75 and over	120	166	1,774	10.70	149	1,557	10.45	17	217	12.75

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 7.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for all farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics, 1972--Continued

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm				Farm			Nonfarm		
	: Number :	: Wages earned :		: Wages earned :		: Wages earned :		: Wages earned :		
	: of :	: Days :	: Per :	: Per :	: Days :	: Per :	: Per :	: Days :	: Per :	: Per :
	: workers :	: worked :	: year :	: day 1/ :	: worked :	: year :	: day 1/ :	: worked :	: year :	: day 1/ :
	: Thou. :	: No. :	: Dol. :	: Dol. :	: No. :	: Dol. :	: Dol. :	: No. :	: Dol. :	: Dol. :
MIGRATORY STATUS AND DURATION OF FARM WAGework	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Migratory	: 184	141	2,179	15.45	96	1,391	14.50	45	788	17.50
Less than 25 days 3/	: 46	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
25-74	: 55	102	1,456	14.25	43	448	10.40	60	1,008	16.80
75-149 3/	: 35	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
150 and over 3/	: 48	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	: 2,625	136	2,007	14.75	88	1,143	13.00	48	863	18.00
Less than 25 days	: 1,085	77	1,312	17.05	9	93	10.35	67	1,219	18.20
25-74	: 608	92	1,254	13.65	44	486	11.05	48	768	16.00
75-149	: 326	153	2,171	14.20	106	1,262	11.90	47	909	19.35
150-249	: 260	226	3,124	13.80	200	2,678	13.40	26	447	17.20
250 and over	: 347	316	4,506	14.25	306	4,317	14.10	10	189	18.90
REGION AND COLOR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Northeast	: 230	121	1,828	15.10	69	841	12.20	52	987	19.00
White	: 223	121	1,834	15.15	69	826	11.95	53	1,008	19.00
Negro and other races 3/	: 7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Central	: 730	139	2,002	14.40	76	866	11.40	63	1,136	18.05
White	: 726	139	2,010	14.45	76	870	11.45	63	1,140	18.10
Negro and other races 3/	: 4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
South	: 1,139	136	1,854	13.65	93	1,096	11.80	43	757	17.60
White	: 769	147	2,142	14.55	97	1,206	12.45	50	936	18.70
Negro and other races	: 370	113	1,255	11.10	84	868	10.35	28	387	13.80
West	: 710	139	2,360	17.00	99	1,666	16.85	41	694	16.95
White	: 662	139	2,355	16.95	97	1,639	16.90	41	716	17.45
Negro and other races 3/	: 49	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND COLOR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
All workers	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Migratory	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
White	: 166	140	2,072	14.80	94	1,250	13.30	46	822	17.85
Negro and other races 3/	: 18	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
White	: 2,214	140	2,137	15.25	88	1,184	13.45	52	953	18.35
Negro and other races	: 411	115	1,308	11.35	86	926	10.75	29	382	13.15
South	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Migratory	: 63	158	2,055	13.00	125	1,554	12.45	32	501	15.65
White	: 53	163	1,965	12.05	129	1,442	11.20	34	522	15.35
Negro and other races 3/	: 10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	: 1,076	135	1,842	13.65	91	1,069	11.75	43	772	17.95
White	: 716	146	2,155	14.75	95	1,188	12.50	51	966	18.95
Negro and other races	: 360	112	1,219	10.90	84	833	9.90	29	387	13.35
West	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Migratory	: 70	142	2,424	17.05	87	1,463	16.80	55	961	17.45
White	: 64	134	2,165	16.15	79	1,191	15.10	55	974	17.70
Negro and other races 3/	: 6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	: 640	139	2,353	16.95	100	1,689	16.90	39	664	17.05
White	: 598	139	2,376	17.10	99	1,687	17.05	40	689	17.25
Negro and other races 3/	: 43	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 8.--Distribution of farm wageworkers, by selected characteristics and average daily earnings at farm wagework, 1972

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Average daily earnings from farm wagework								Median daily earnings
		Total	Less than \$3.00	\$3.00-4.99	\$5.00-6.99	\$7.00-8.99	\$9.00-10.99	\$11.00-12.99	\$13.00 and over	
			Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	
	Thou.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1972	2,809	100	7	7	11	12	18	12	33	10.45
COLOR AND SEX										
White	2,380	100	8	7	11	11	17	12	34	10.65
Negro and other races	429	100	5	8	13	17	21	13	23	9.60
Male	2,169	100	7	7	10	11	17	12	36	10.80
White	1,900	100	7	7	10	10	17	11	38	10.90
Negro and other races	269	100	6	6	11	14	19	15	29	10.30
Female	641	100	8	8	14	15	20	15	20	9.50
White	480	100	9	7	13	13	19	17	22	9.80
Negro and other races	160	100	4	10	16	23	26	9	12	8.70
AGE, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND SEX										
14-19 years	1,088	100	12	11	14	13	20	11	19	9.05
Migratory	63	100	11	8	11	18	17	15	20	9.10
Nonmigratory	1,025	100	12	11	14	12	21	11	19	9.05
20 years and over	1,721	100	4	5	9	11	16	13	42	11.65
Migratory	121	100	2	2	10	10	20	12	44	12.05
Male	82	100	3	2	7	7	12	12	57	13.25
Female	39	2/	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	1,600	100	5	5	9	11	16	13	41	11.65
Male	1,227	100	4	4	7	10	15	13	47	12.45
Female	374	100	6	6	16	14	20	14	24	9.80
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK										
Less than 25 days	1,130	100	9	9	14	14	20	11	23	9.30
25-74	659	100	6	7	13	10	18	14	32	10.50
75-149	356	100	5	6	9	8	22	12	38	10.95
150-249	284	100	6	3	6	11	10	16	48	12.65
250-299	127	100	2	4	4	11	10	13	56	13.20
300 and over	253	100	8	5	5	9	10	12	51	13.05
REGION AND SEX										
Northeast	230	100	8	9	10	12	20	13	28	10.15
Male	178	100	10	10	12	12	17	11	28	9.75
Female	52	100	0	5	3	15	28	23	26	10.90
North Central	730	100	9	8	11	11	20	13	28	10.05
Male	604	100	7	8	11	12	20	12	30	10.15
Female	126	100	19	8	9	8	21	16	19	9.55
South	1,139	100	5	7	14	15	21	13	25	9.75
Male	842	100	6	7	12	14	21	12	28	10.15
Female	297	100	4	9	21	20	20	15	11	8.60
West	710	100	8	5	6	6	10	11	54	13.10
Male	545	100	8	5	5	5	7	11	59	13.30
Female	166	100	8	7	9	12	20	12	32	10.40

Numbers of workers are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1972

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm					Farm		Nonfarm		
	Number	Wages earned		Wages earned		Wages earned		Wages earned		
	of workers	Days worked	Per year	Per day 1/	Days worked	Per year	Per day 1/	Days worked	Per year	Per day 1/
	: Thou.	: No.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: No.	: Dol.	: Dol.	: No.	: Dol.	: Dol.
WORKERS WHO DID 25 DAYS OR MORE OF FARM WAGEWORK, 1972	1,679	176	2,491	14.15	141	1,877	13.30	35	614	17.55
COLOR AND SEX										
White	1,405	181	2,623	14.50	143	1,947	13.60	38	676	17.80
Negro and other races	274	152	1,814	11.95	131	1,517	11.60	21	296	14.10
Male	1,387	189	2,772	14.65	153	2,085	13.65	37	687	18.55
White	1,190	192	2,882	15.00	152	2,130	14.00	40	752	18.80
Negro and other races	198	174	2,111	12.15	154	1,812	11.75	19	300	15.80
Female	292	113	1,155	10.20	86	889	10.35	27	265	9.80
White	215	119	1,194	10.05	92	936	10.15	27	257	9.50
Negro and other races	77	97	1,045	10.75	71	757	10.65	27	288	10.65
SEX AND AGE										
Both sexes										
14-17 years	365	97	704	7.25	78	568	7.30	19	136	7.15
18-24	411	180	2,532	14.05	128	1,736	13.55	53	797	15.05
25-34	288	228	3,804	16.70	174	2,597	14.95	53	1,206	22.75
35-44	198	202	3,034	15.00	175	2,410	13.75	27	624	23.10
45-54	195	210	3,509	16.70	178	2,821	15.85	31	688	22.20
55-64	147	196	2,822	14.40	179	2,567	14.35	16	255	15.95
65 and over	75	147	1,204	8.20	132	1,053	8.00	15	151	10.05
Males										
14-17 years	307	94	735	7.80	76	586	7.70	18	149	8.30
18-24	337	192	2,802	14.60	139	1,952	14.05	53	850	16.05
25-34	240	251	4,302	17.15	191	2,888	15.10	60	1,413	23.55
35-44	145	234	3,606	15.40	202	2,824	14.00	31	781	25.20
45-54	165	227	3,871	17.05	195	3,120	16.00	32	752	23.50
55-64	125	217	3,178	14.65	199	2,902	14.60	18	276	15.35
65 and over	69	153	1,240	8.10	137	1,083	7.90	15	157	10.45
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farmwork	770	233	3,419	14.65	221	3,197	14.45	13	222	17.10
Farm wagework	665	240	3,532	14.70	227	3,309	14.60	13	224	17.25
Without nonfarm work	527	237	3,466	14.60	237	3,466	14.60	---	---	---
With nonfarm work	139	253	3,784	14.95	189	2,710	14.35	64	1,074	16.80
Other farmwork 2/	105	190	2,693	14.15	180	2,483	13.80	10	210	21.00
Nonfarm work	225	234	4,242	18.15	78	916	11.75	156	3,326	21.30
Unemployed 3/	22	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	663	93	862	9.25	72	699	9.70	21	163	7.75
Keeping house	120	74	745	10.05	65	679	10.45	8	65	8.15
Attending school	472	97	813	8.40	72	642	8.90	24	171	7.15
Other	70	98	1,399	14.30	83	1,117	13.45	15	282	18.80
REGION AND COLOR										
Northeast	129	161	2,024	12.55	117	1,429	12.20	43	595	13.85
White	122	163	2,046	12.55	119	1,435	12.05	44	611	13.90
Negro and other races 3/	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Central	389	184	2,528	13.75	134	1,543	11.50	49	985	20.10
White	389	184	2,528	13.75	134	1,543	11.50	49	985	20.10
Negro and other races 3/	0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 9.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1972--Continued

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm				Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked		Wages earned		Days worked		Wages earned		Days worked	
		Per year	Per day 1/	Per year	Per day 1/	Per year	Per day 1/	Per year	Per day 1/	Per year	Per day 1/
		Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
REGION AND COLOR--Continued											
South		686	177	2,254	12.75	148	1,762	11.90	29	492	16.95
White		451	193	2,587	13.40	159	1,993	12.55	33	595	18.05
Negro and other races		235	148	1,614	10.90	127	1,320	10.40	21	295	14.05
West		476	173	2,928	16.90	143	2,436	17.05	30	492	16.40
White		443	171	2,901	16.95	141	2,396	17.00	31	506	16.30
Negro and other races 3/		33	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
REGION, MIGRATORY STATUS, AND COLOR											
All workers											
Migratory		138	158	2,434	15.40	124	1,814	14.65	34	620	18.25
White		121	157	2,300	14.65	124	1,667	13.45	33	634	19.20
Negro and other races 3/		17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory		1,541	178	2,496	14.00	143	1,883	13.15	35	613	17.50
White		1,284	183	2,653	14.50	145	1,973	13.60	38	680	17.90
Negro and other races		257	152	1,709	11.25	131	1,428	10.90	21	281	13.40
South											
Migratory		54	176	2,261	12.85	146	1,812	12.40	31	450	14.50
White 3/		45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Negro and other races 3/		9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory		632	178	2,254	12.65	149	1,758	11.80	29	496	17.10
White		406	194	2,638	13.60	160	2,027	12.65	33	611	18.50
Negro and other races		226	148	1,565	10.55	127	1,276	10.05	21	289	13.75
West											
Migratory 3/		48	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory		428	174	2,962	17.00	145	2,478	17.10	29	483	16.65
NONMIGRATORY WORKERS, SEX, AND COLOR											
Nonmigratory											
Male		1,283	191	2,582	13.50	154	2,085	13.55	37	688	18.60
White		1,097	194	2,909	15.00	154	2,153	14.00	40	756	18.90
Negro and other races		186	173	1,975	11.40	154	1,687	10.95	19	287	15.10
Female		258	112	1,116	9.95	85	873	10.25	27	243	9.00
White		187	118	1,158	9.80	90	922	10.25	28	236	8.45
Negro and other races		70	96	1,007	10.50	71	742	10.45	25	264	10.55
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS											
Household heads		805	236	3,758	15.90	192	2,829	14.75	44	929	21.10
Migratory		56	230	3,915	17.00	176	2,744	15.60	54	1,171	21.70
Nonmigratory		748	236	3,747	15.90	193	2,836	14.70	43	911	21.20
Other household members		875	121	1,325	10.95	94	1,001	10.65	27	324	12.00
Migratory		82	109	1,426	13.10	89	1,180	13.25	20	246	12.30
Nonmigratory		792	123	1,314	10.70	95	982	10.35	28	332	11.85

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1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 10.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for persons who did less than 25 days of farm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1972

Selected characteristics	Farm and nonfarm					Farm		Nonfarm		
	Number	Days	Wages earned		Days	Wages earned		Days	Wages earned	
	of	worked	Per	Per	worked	Per	Per	worked	Per	Per
	workers		year	day 1/		year	day 1/		year	day
	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO DID LESS THAN 25 DAYS OF FARM WAGEWORK, 1972	1,130	77	1,316	17.10	9	94	10.45	68	1,222	17.95
SEX AND AGE										
Both sexes										
14-17 years	460	32	206	6.45	9	75	8.35	22	131	5.95
18-24	270	115	1,952	16.95	9	103	11.45	106	1,849	17.45
25-34	142	141	3,219	22.85	9	118	13.10	132	3,101	23.50
35-44	95	116	2,308	19.90	9	106	11.80	106	2,203	20.80
45-54	64	104	1,862	17.90	9	114	12.65	94	1,748	18.60
55-64 2/	45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
65 and over	55	23	304	13.20	9	92	10.20	14	212	15.15
Males	782	89	1,668	18.75	9	92	10.20	80	1,576	19.70
14-17 years	348	31	201	6.50	9	70	7.80	23	131	5.70
18-24	200	130	2,301	17.70	9	100	11.10	121	2,201	18.20
25-34	84	196	4,813	24.55	8	123	15.40	188	4,689	24.95
35-44 2/	45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
45 and over	104	73	1,620	22.20	9	115	12.80	64	1,505	23.50
Females	349	50	527	10.55	11	99	9.00	39	428	10.95
14-17 years	111	34	219	6.45	11	87	7.90	22	132	6.00
18-24	70	74	960	12.95	11	112	10.20	63	848	13.45
25-34	58	61	905	14.85	10	109	10.90	51	795	15.60
35-44	50	44	366	8.30	11	101	9.20	33	265	8.05
45 and over	60	45	359	8.00	10	93	9.30	36	266	7.40
CHIEF ACTIVITY										
Farm wagework and other farmwork 3/	62	32	554	17.30	10	169	16.90	22	385	17.50
Nonfarm work	264	215	4,551	21.15	8	95	11.90	206	4,456	21.65
Unemployed 2/	11	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	792	35	309	8.85	10	87	8.70	26	221	8.50
Keeping house	164	29	221	7.60	10	98	9.80	19	123	6.45
Attending school	555	36	307	8.55	10	86	8.60	27	222	8.20
Other	73	40	513	12.85	8	79	9.90	32	434	13.55
MIGRATORY STATUS										
Migratory 2/	46	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	1,085	77	1,312	17.05	9	93	10.35	67	1,219	18.20
HOUSEHOLD STATUS AND MIGRATORY STATUS										
Household heads	327	153	3,337	21.80	9	108	12.00	145	3,229	22.25
Migratory 2/	13	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	314	153	3,332	21.80	9	107	11.90	144	3,225	22.40
Other household members	804	46	494	10.75	10	89	8.90	36	406	11.30
Migratory 2/	33	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonmigratory	770	45	489	10.85	10	88	8.80	36	401	11.15

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1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

3/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

Table 11.--Percentage of workers who did farm and nonfarm wagework, and average number of days worked and wages earned, for workers who did farm wagework only, by selected characteristics, 1972

Selected characteristics	Farm wageworkers		Workers who did farm wagework only			
	Number of workers	Percentage who also did some nonfarm wagework	Number of workers	Days worked	Farm Wages earned	
					Per year	Per day <sup>1/</sup>
	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
ALL WORKERS, 1972	2,809	41	1,649	112	1,500	13.40
COLOR AND SEX						
White	2,380	44	1,338	114	1,578	13.85
Negro and other races	429	28	311	102	1,167	11.45
Male	2,169	43	1,230	132	1,820	13.80
White	1,900	46	1,033	132	1,866	14.15
Negro and other races	269	27	196	136	1,581	11.65
Female	641	34	420	52	564	10.85
White	480	37	305	55	603	10.95
Negro and other races	160	28	115	44	460	10.45
CHIEF ACTIVITY						
Farmwork	832	20	662	215	3,127	14.55
Farm wagework	672	21	531	235	3,440	14.65
Without nonfarm work	531	---	531	235	3,440	14.65
With nonfarm work	140	100	---	---	---	---
Other farmwork <sup>2/</sup>	160	18	131	135	1,854	13.75
Nonfarm work	489	96	3/18	---	---	---
Unemployed	33	41	3/20	---	---	---
Not in labor force	1,455	35	949	42	387	9.20
Keeping house	284	22	221	38	388	10.20
Attending school	1,027	39	626	42	362	8.60
Other	143	29	102	48	536	11.15
DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Less than 25 days	1,130	52	540	10	100	10.00
25 days and over	1,679	34	1,109	161	2,182	13.55
RESIDENCE						
Farm	773	29	549	134	1,591	11.85
Nonfarm	2,036	46	1,100	101	1,455	14.40
MIGRATORY STATUS						
Migratory	184	46	100	124	1,654	13.35
Nonmigratory	2,625	41	1,550	111	1,490	13.40
REGION AND DURATION OF FARM WAGEWORK						
Northeast	230	46	125	77	971	12.60
Less than 25 days	101	45	55	8	81	10.15
25-149	92	50	3/46	---	---	---
150 and over	37	37	3/23	---	---	---
North Central	730	52	348	102	1,240	12.15
Less than 25 days	341	63	127	11	118	10.75
25-149	255	50	129	68	697	10.25
150 and over	134	31	92	276	3,547	12.85
South	1,139	35	741	114	1,330	11.65
Less than 25 days	453	45	251	10	86	8.60
25-149	387	38	239	67	636	9.50
150 and over	299	16	250	262	3,236	12.35
West	710	39	436	126	2,149	17.05
Less than 25 days	235	54	107	12	123	10.25
25-149	291	40	173	70	921	13.15
150 and over	184	15	157	266	4,894	18.40

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<sup>1/</sup> Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

<sup>3/</sup> Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.



Table 12.--Average number of days worked and wages earned at farm and nonfarm wagework, for farm wage-workers who also did some nonfarm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1972

Selected characteristics	Number of workers	Farm and nonfarm				Farm			Nonfarm		
		Days worked		Wages earned		Days worked		Wages earned		Days worked	
		Per year	Per day 1/	Per year	Per day 1/	Per year	Per day 1/	Per year	Per day 1/	Per year	Per day 1/
		Thou.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.	No.	Dol.	Dol.
WORKERS WHO ALSO DID SOME NONFARM WAGEWORK, 1972	1,160	171	2,755	16.10	54	675	12.50	117	2,079	17.75	
COLOR AND SEX											
White	1,042	173	2,844	16.45	55	688	12.50	118	2,156	18.25	
Negro and other races	118	155	1,968	12.70	49	563	11.50	107	1,405	13.15	
Male	939	181	3,099	17.10	60	773	12.90	121	2,326	19.20	
White	866	181	3,154	17.45	59	775	13.15	122	2,379	19.50	
Negro and other races	73	173	2,447	14.15	62	748	12.05	111	1,699	15.30	
Female	221	129	1,288	10.00	31	260	8.40	98	1,028	10.50	
White	176	130	1,311	10.10	33	259	7.85	97	1,053	10.85	
Negro and other races 3/	45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CHIEF ACTIVITY											
Farmwork	170	231	3,509	15.20	165	2,361	14.30	66	1,148	17.40	
Farm wagework	140	253	3,803	15.05	187	2,681	14.35	66	1,122	17.00	
Other farmwork 2/ 3/	30	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nonfarm work	471	229	4,532	19.80	38	443	11.65	191	4,089	21.40	
Unemployed 3/	14	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Not in labor force	506	99	886	8.95	32	326	10.20	67	561	8.35	
Keeping house	63	83	633	7.65	19	190	10.00	64	443	6.90	
Attending school	401	99	816	8.25	33	308	9.35	66	508	7.70	
Other 3/	41	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
DURATION OF WAGEWORK											
Farm	1,160	171	2,755	16.10	54	675	12.50	117	2,079	17.75	
Less than 25 days	590	138	2,428	17.60	8	88	11.00	130	2,340	18.00	
25-74	298	152	2,250	14.80	43	494	11.50	108	1,755	16.25	
75-149	140	219	3,596	16.40	105	1,439	13.70	114	2,157	18.90	
150-249	79	276	4,101	14.85	186	2,387	12.85	90	1,715	19.05	
250 and over	53	363	5,000	13.75	296	3,660	12.35	67	1,340	20.00	
Nonfarm	1,160	171	2,755	16.10	54	675	12.50	117	2,079	17.75	
Less than 25 days	200	69	847	12.30	57	727	12.75	12	121	10.10	
25-74	323	109	1,332	12.20	65	831	12.80	44	501	11.40	
75-149	232	170	2,501	14.70	67	844	12.60	103	1,657	16.10	
150-249	218	236	4,225	17.90	43	566	13.15	193	3,658	18.95	
250 and over	186	313	5,866	18.75	29	268	9.25	284	5,598	19.70	
Farm and nonfarm	1,160	171	2,755	16.10	54	675	12.50	117	2,079	17.75	
Less than 25 days	66	15	130	8.65	6	46	7.65	9	84	9.35	
25-74	251	49	504	10.30	18	184	10.20	30	320	10.65	
75-149	240	108	1,444	13.35	36	436	12.10	72	1,008	14.00	
150-249	255	202	3,266	16.15	58	801	13.80	144	2,465	17.10	
250 and over	348	310	5,409	17.45	99	1,223	12.35	211	4,186	19.85	
RESIDENCE											
Farm	224	152	2,214	14.55	64	705	11.00	88	1,508	17.15	
Nonfarm	936	176	2,884	16.40	52	668	12.85	124	2,216	17.85	
MIGRATORY STATUS											
Migratory	85	161	2,798	17.40	63	1,081	17.15	97	1,717	17.70	
Nonmigratory	1,075	172	2,751	16.00	53	643	12.15	118	2,108	17.85	
REGION											
Northeast	106	172	2,840	16.50	59	688	11.65	113	2,152	19.05	
North Central	382	172	2,697	15.70	52	525	10.10	121	2,173	17.95	
South	399	177	2,827	15.95	55	662	12.05	122	2,165	17.75	
West	274	161	2,696	16.75	55	899	16.35	105	1,797	17.10	

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1/ Rounded to the nearest 5 cents.

2/ Includes operating a farm and unpaid family labor.

3/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Table 13.--Distribution of workers who did farm wagework only and workers who did both farm and nonfarm wagework, by selected characteristics, 1972

Selected characteristics	Workers who did farm wagework only		Workers who did both farm and nonfarm wagework					
	Farm		Farm and nonfarm		Farm		Nonfarm	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
ALL WORKERS, 1972	1,230	420	939	221	939	221	939	221
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED								
Less than 25 days	26	51	6	7	49	61	17	18
25-74	21	26	20	30	25	29	26	34
75-149	13	15	19	26	13	7	20	21
150-249	15	6	22	23	8	1	19	19
250 and over	25	2	33	14	5	2	18	8
DAILY EARNINGS								
Less than \$3.00	7	6	8	12	7	11	8	15
\$3.00-4.99	7	8	6	11	7	8	6	13
\$5.00-6.99	9	16	8	19	11	10	10	19
\$7.00-8.99	11	15	10	13	10	16	8	9
\$9.00-10.99	16	21	10	12	17	20	8	8
\$11.00-12.99	12	14	8	10	12	17	5	8
\$13.00 and over	38	20	50	23	36	18	55	28
ANNUAL EARNINGS								
Less than \$100	18	31	6	5	35	41	14	8
\$100-199	9	19	5	5	13	17	19	46
\$200-499	13	22	10	28	15	28	15	16
\$500-999	14	12	14	22	13	9	13	14
\$1,000-2,999	22	13	27	31	17	5	9	7
\$3,000-4,999	13	3	17	5	5	---	11	4
\$5,000-7,499	8	---	14	3	2	---	10	4
\$7,500-9,999	2	---	6	1	---	---	5	1
\$10,000 and over	1	---	1	---	---	---	4	---

## APPENDIX A

### SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of data.--The estimates in this report are based on data obtained in December 1972 through supplementary questions in the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census. The sample is spread over 461 areas comprising 923 counties and independent cities, with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Approximately 47,000 occupied households are designated for interview each month. Of this number, 2,000 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 47,000 there are also about 8,000 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed.

The estimates in this report concern persons 14 years of age or older who did farm wagework in 1972. These data were compiled from supplementary questions to the Current Population Survey asked of persons 14 years of age or older who performed farmwork for wages or salary during 1972. These questions concerned number of days of farm wagework, farm wages, migratory status, nonfarm wagework and nonfarm wages, chief activity in 1972, residence, and other matters. Not included in this report are persons performing hired farm labor during 1972 but who died, who entered the Armed Forces, or who were no longer in the civilian noninstitutional population for other reasons prior to the field collection. Also not included are foreign nationals who did farm wagework in this country and returned to their homes before the field collection. The number of foreign nationals admitted declined sharply after the termination of Public Law 78 in December 1964, and in 1972 totaled only 12,526. <sup>1/</sup> The total number of persons excluded from this report probably does not exceed 150,000.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to give independent estimates of the civilian non-institutional population of the United States by age, color and sex. These independent estimates were based on statistics from the 1970 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and the Armed Forces.

Reliability of the estimates.--Since the estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from figures obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and enumerators. As in any survey work, the results are subject to errors of response and reporting as well as being subject to sampling variability.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the

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<sup>1/</sup> Farm Labor Developments, Manpower Administration, U.S. Dept. of Labor, publication in process.

standard error also partially measures the effect of response and enumeration errors but does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

The figures presented in tables 14-18 are approximations to the standard errors of various estimates shown in this report. In order to derive standard errors that would be applicable to a wide variety of items and could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the tables of standard errors provide an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard errors rather than the precise standard error for any specific item.

Table 14.--Standard errors for estimated numbers of persons who did farm  
wagework

(68 chances out of 100)		
Size of estimate	:	Standard error
	:	
	:	
25,000	:	9,000
50,000	:	12,000
100,000	:	18,000
250,000	:	29,000
500,000	:	42,000
1,000,000	:	65,000
2,500,000	:	121,000
	:	
	:	

Estimated percentages and estimated averages are computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator. The reliability of these estimates depends both upon the size of the estimate and the size of the totals upon which the estimates are based. Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. Table 15 contains the standard errors of estimated percentages. Averages are subject to large sampling variability since the sample estimate of an average is affected by extreme estimates. If sensitive indicators are needed, other types of statistics, such as medians, should be considered. Tables 16, 17, and 18 contain the standard errors of estimated averages.

Table 15.--Standard errors of percentages of persons who did farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)								
Estimated percentage	Base of percentage in thousands							
	25	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	
	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	
2 or 98	4.9	3.5	2.4	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	
5 or 95	7.6	5.4	3.8	2.4	1.7	1.2	0.8	
10 or 90	10.5	7.4	5.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.0	
15 or 85	12.5	8.8	6.2	3.9	2.8	2.0	1.2	
20 or 80	14.0	9.9	7.0	4.4	3.1	2.2	1.4	
25 or 75	15.1	10.7	7.6	4.8	3.4	2.4	1.5	
35 or 65	16.6	11.8	8.3	5.3	3.7	2.6	1.7	
50	17.4	12.3	8.9	5.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	

Table 16.--Standard errors of average number of days of farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)												
Average number of days of farm wage- work per year per person	:	Base of average in thousands										
	:	Number of farm wageworkers										
	:	50	:	100	:	250	:	500	:	1,000	:	2,500
10	:	1.2	:	1.0	:	0.7	:	0.5	:	0.4	:	0.3
25	:	3.5	:	3.1	:	2.2	:	1.5	:	1.3	:	0.9
50	:	10.2	:	7.2	:	5.7	:	4.0	:	3.4	:	2.3
100	:	19.2	:	13.6	:	9.6	:	6.8	:	5.0	:	3.3
150	:	19.7	:	14.0	:	9.5	:	6.8	:	3.6	:	2.4
200	:	15.5	:	11.0	:	7.0	:	5.0	:	3.0	:	2.0
250	:	11.3	:	8.0	:	5.0	:	3.5	:	1.3	:	0.9

Note: Table 16 pertains to averages computed from distributions allowed to vary over the entire range of days worked. Standard errors for truncated distributions (e.g., workers with less than 25 days of farm wagework) are somewhat smaller.

Table 17.--Standard errors of average annual earnings from farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)							
Average earnings from farm wage- work per year per person	Base of average in thousands						
	Number of farm wageworkers						
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	
\$ 150	31	22	14	10	9	6	
250	58	41	26	19	16	11	
500	118	84	53	41	35	23	
750	178	126	80	64	54	36	
1,000	219	155	98	85	68	45	
2,000	314	223	141	132	96	64	
3,000	331	235	149	138	99	66	

Table 18.--Standard errors of average daily earnings from farm wagework

(68 chances out of 100)							
Average earnings from farm wage- work per day per person	Base of average in thousands						
	Number of farm wageworkers						
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	
\$ 5.00	.60	.42	.27	.19	.14	.09	
7.00	1.13	.81	.51	.36	.26	.17	
9.00	1.46	1.04	.66	.50	.35	.23	
11.00	1.52	1.08	.68	.53	.43	.28	
13.00	1.54	1.09	.69	.55	.47	.31	
15.00	1.57	1.11	.71	.56	.50	.33	

Illustration of the use of the tables of standard errors.--Table 4 of this report shows that 184,000 persons were migratory farm wageworkers. Table 14 shows the standard error on an estimate of this size to be approximately 24,000. The chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimate would have shown a figure differing from a complete census by less than 24,000. The chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would have shown a figure differing from a complete census by less than 48,000.

Of these 184,000 migratory farm wageworkers, 63,000 or 34 percent are from the Southern Region. Table 15 shows the standard error of 34 percent on a base of 184,000 to be approximately 6.6 percent. Consequently, chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimated 34 percent would be within 6.6 percent of a complete census figure, and chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would be within 13.2 percent of a census figure, i.e., this 95 percent confidence interval would be from 20.8 to 47.2 percent.

Table 7 of this report shows that average annual earnings at farm wage-work for migratory farm wageworkers are \$1,391. Table 17 shows the standard error of \$1,391 on a base of 184,000 workers to be approximately \$144. Consequently, chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimated \$1,391 would be within \$144 of a complete census figure, and chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would be within \$288 of a census figure, i.e., this 95 percent confidence interval would be from \$1,103 to \$1,679.

## APPENDIX B

### DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Farm wageworkers.--Persons 14 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States at the time of the survey who did any farmwork for cash wages or salary at any time in the year, even if only for one day.

Farmwork for cash wages or salary consists of the following: (1) Work done on any farm for cash wages in connection with the production, harvesting, threshing, preparation for market, or delivery to market of agricultural products; (2) work done off the farm for a farmer by his hired farmworker, such as trips to town to buy feed, seeds, or fertilizer, or to handle other matters involved in running the farm business; (3) repairs of farm buildings, machinery, etc., performed by a farm wageworker when done along with the type of work specified in (1) and (2) above; and (4) managing a farm enterprise for cash salary. Not included as farmwork for cash wages or salary are (1) work performed by farm operators on their own farms, or "exchange" work between farmers; (2) work done exclusively for "pay in kind"; (3) work done without pay on a family farm by a member of the farm operator's family (a small regular cash allowance is not considered as farm wages); and (4) nonfarm work performed on a farm, such as the building of a farm structure, the drilling of a well, the hauling of agricultural products to market by commercial truckers, or domestic service in the home of a farmer; and (5) custom work such as spraying, threshing, combining, etc., when a person is paid a combined rate for the use of his equipment and labor.

Casual workers.--Persons who did less than 25 days of farm wagework.

Noncasual workers.--Persons who did 25 days or more of farm wagework.  
Noncasual workers include:

Seasonal workers.--Persons who did 25-149 days of farm wagework.

Regular workers.--Persons who did 150-249 days of farm wagework.

Year-round workers.--Persons who did 250 days or more of farm wagework.

(The use here of the terms "seasonal" and "regular" differs from that in the Census of Agriculture, where "seasonal workers" refers to persons employed on one farm for less than 150 days during the year, and "regular workers" to those employed on one farm for 150 days or more during the year.)

Age.--The age classification is based on the age of the person at his last birthday.

Color.--The term "color" refers to the division of the population into two groups -- white and Negro and other races (including such groups as Indians, Japanese, and Chinese).

Chief activity.--Information on the chief activity of farm wageworkers during the year was derived from the question, "What was . . . doing most of 1972--working, keeping house, going to school, or something else?" If "working" was reported as the chief activity, the kind of work the person was doing most of the year was determined. Farm wagework was reported if the person spent most of his working time doing farm wagework. Operating a farm was reported if a person spent most of his working time operating his own farm (as a tenant, owner, or sharecropper). Nonfarm work was reported if a person spent most of his working time in his own business or profession, worked without pay in a family business, or worked for pay (or pay in kind) in any nonfarm activity, such as manufacturing, trade, construction, domestic service, etc. If the person did not report "working" as his chief activity, information was obtained on what he was doing most of the year. Looking for work (unemployed) was reported for a person who spent most of his time without employment, but was actively looking for a job. Keeping house was reported for persons who spent most of their time doing their own housework. Going to school was reported for persons who spent most of their time during the year going to school. The category "other" was reported for persons who spent most of their time at some activity other than those named above.

Residence.--Residence is determined on the basis of the classification of the place in which the worker lived at the time of the survey. In the Current Population Survey, farm wageworkers were classified as living on farms (farm residents) if they lived in rural territory on places of 10 or more acres of land, and if as much as \$50 worth of agricultural products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Also included are those who lived on places of less than 10 acres if as much as \$250 worth of agricultural products were sold from the place in the reporting year. Nonfarm-resident workers lived in urban



places, rural towns or villages, or in the open country on places that did not meet the criteria for farm classification.

Migratory status.--Migratory workers are those who (a) left their homes temporarily overnight to do farm wagework in a different county within the same State or in a different State with expectation of eventually returning home, or (b) had no usual place of residence, and did farm wagework in two or more counties during the year. Nonmigratory workers are those (a) who did all their farm wagework for the year in the same county in which they lived, (b) who made a permanent move from one county to another during the year and performed farm wagework in both counties, or (c) who commuted daily across the county or State line to do farm wagework and returned home each night.

Region.--The States included in each of the four regions are as follows:  
Northeast--Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey; North Central--Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas; South--Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas; and West--Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, Alaska.

Days of farm or nonfarm wagework.--Days on which any farm or nonfarm wagework was reported. The work may have been for all or only part of a day.

Earnings from farm or nonfarm work.--Total cash wages or salary received for farmwork or for nonfarm work. Estimates of earnings do not include the value of perquisites received in connection with farmwork nor the value of fringe benefits received in connection with nonfarm work.